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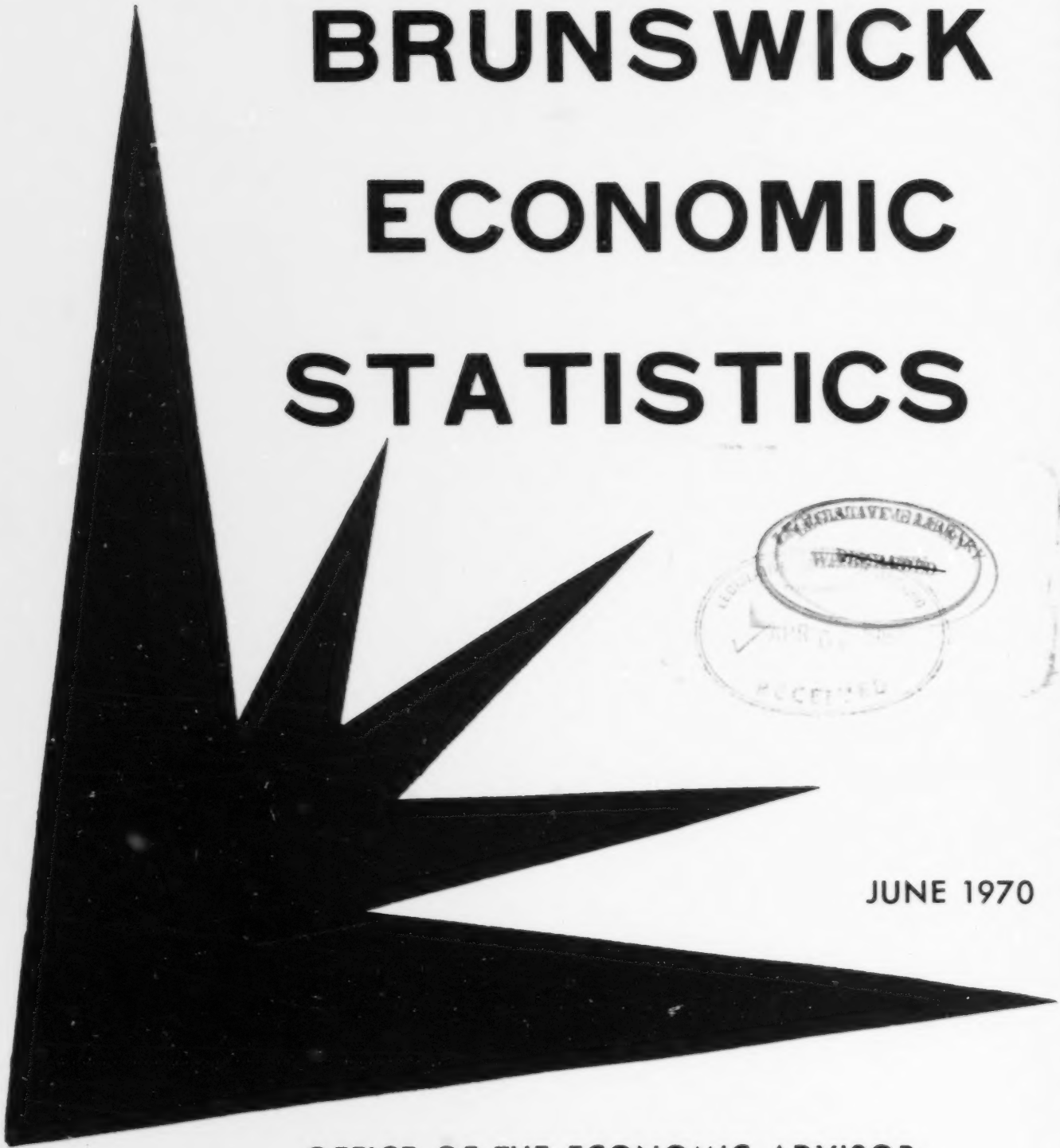

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SELECTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS
NEW BRUNSWICK

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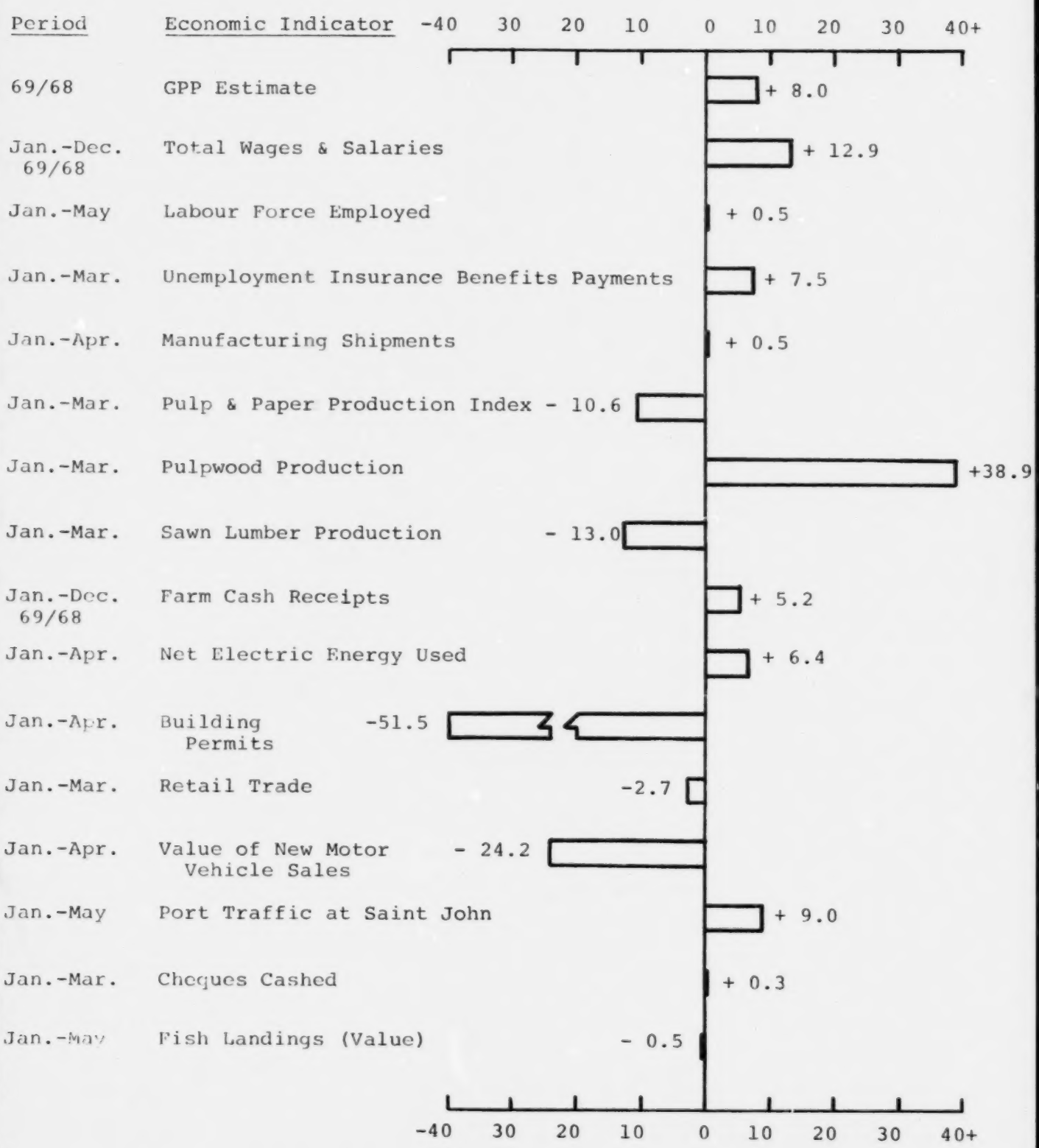
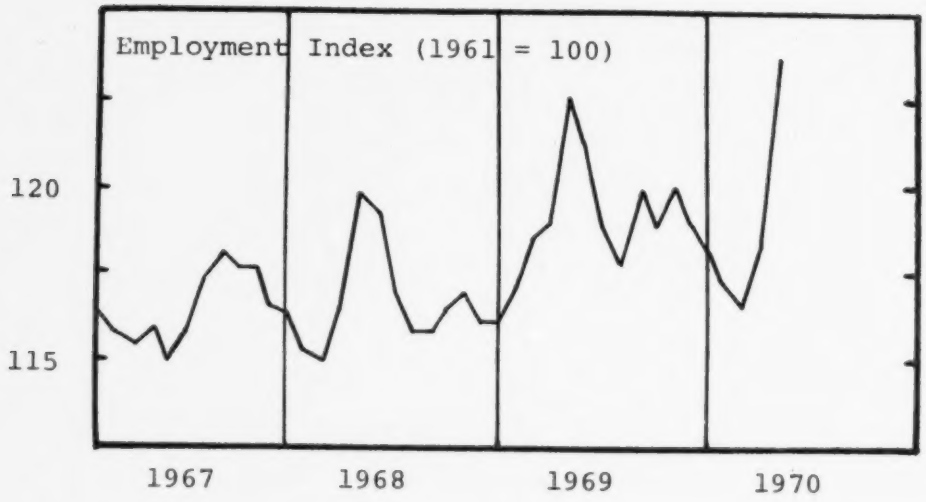
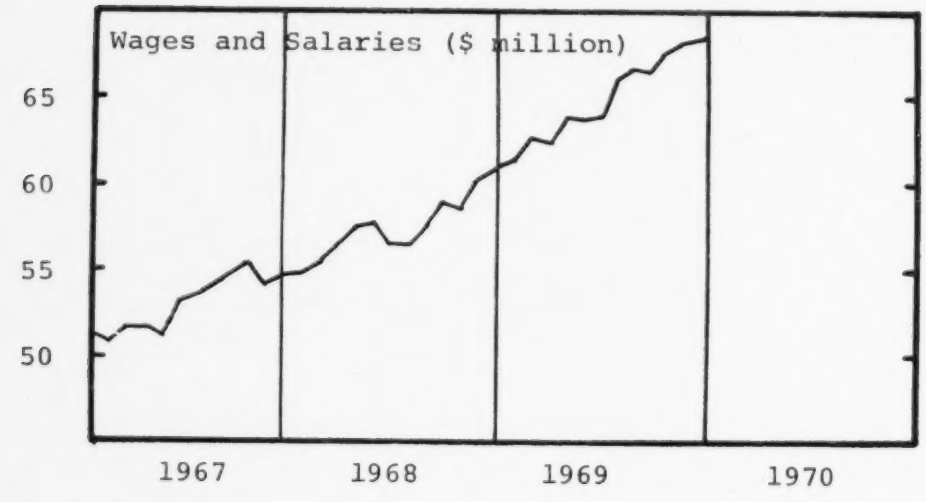
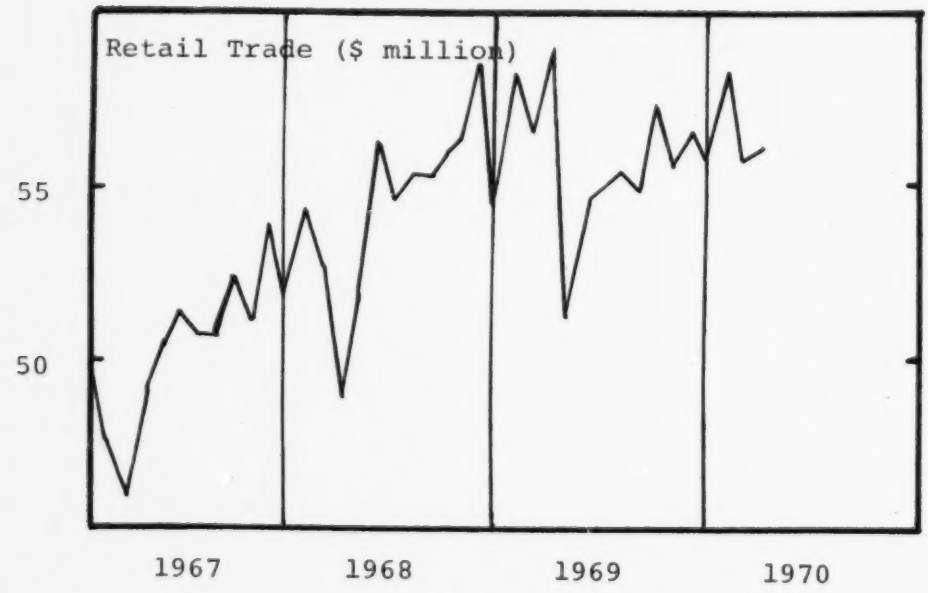

Period
Economic Indicator
-40 30 20 10 0 10 20 30 40+
69/68 GPP Estimate + 8.0
Jan.-Dec. 69/68 Total Wages & Salaries + 12.9
Jan.-May Labour Force Employed + 0.5
Jan.-Mar. Unemployment Insurance Benefits Payments + 7.5
Jan.-Apr. Manufacturing Shipments + 0.5
Jan.-Mar. Pulp & Paper Production Index - 10.6
Jan.-Mar. Pulpwood Production +38.9
Jan.-Mar. Sawn Lumber Production - 13.0
Jan.-Dec. 69/68 Farm Cash Receipts + 5.2
Jan.-Apr. Net Electric Energy Used + 6.4
Jan.-Apr. Building Permits -51.5
Jan.-Mar. Retail Trade -2.7
Jan.-Apr. Value of New Motor Vehicle Sales - 24.2
Jan.-May Port Traffic at Saint John + 9.0
Jan.-Mar. Cheques Cashed + 0.3
Jan.-May Fish Landings (Value) - 0.5
-40 30 20 10 0 10 20 30 40+

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS
New Brunswick







Last year's moderation in the rate of economic growth in North America appears to be extending into 1970. Until the inflationary spiral is broken and expansionary policies are resumed, it is likely that this trend will continue. The Canadian economy continued to grow in the first quarter with real growth of 1.7%, while economic activity in the United States declined for the second successive quarter. Unemployment has been rising in both countries, but Canada seems to have had more success in reducing inflationary trends. Further improvement will be affected by what happens in the United States as well as by domestic policy.

While growth has slowed and price increases appear to be moderating, inflation continues to receive prime attention from economic policy makers. Expansionary policies will only be adopted when the authorities concerned are convinced that the dangers of further inflation have been erased. Not surprisingly, the major growth sector in Canada so far this year has been external trade, as exports rose 15% in the first five months compared to increased imports of only 2%.

The major stimulus to growth in New Brunswick this year will come from the construction sector, where spending is expected to rise 8% over last year's value. The $62 million programme recently announced for the Province by the federal Department of Regional Economic Expansion is having a beneficial effect on construction activity this year.

During the first half of the year the Consumer Price Index for Saint John averaged about 4.5% above 1969. The rate of increase of over 5% in the first quarter moderated to about 3% in the second. The national index rose 4.7% in the first quarter and 4% in the second, suggesting some easing of price trends.

A striking change was registered in the Province's unemployment rate for May with a drop from 8.7% in 1969 to 6.1% this year. The number of unemployed persons was 13,000, compared to 19,000 in May of 1969 and about one-half the average level during the first four months of this year. For the first five months of 1970 the unemployment rate averaged 10.6%, compared to 11.5% for the same period of 1969.

Production in the primary sector was generally lower than in 1969, but activity in the resource industries during the winter months is often not representative of the year

as a whole. Base metal production was held down by the strike at Brunswick Mines. In agriculture the planting of crops this spring was delayed by cold, wet weather and the effects of winterkill and frost will reduce this year's yield of small fruits, especially strawberries.

Fish landings in the first four months were well below last year's catch but picked up considerably in May. Declines were reported for herring and shrimp, while other species, particularly cod and crab, were up. As a result the total volume for the five months was 27% lower this year, but the value received by the fishermen was down less than one per cent.

In the forestry sector trends continue to be mixed. After last year's decline pulpwood production rose 39% in the first quarter, but pulp and paper output fell 11%. After three months the quantity of sawn lumber was down 13%. In manufacturing the value of shipments for four months was slightly ahead of 1969.

Housing starts in the first quarter were 11% fewer than in 1969 (following the national trend), but the number of units under construction on March 31 was 22% higher than a year earlier. Building permits issued from January to April were down 52% in value from the same four-month period in 1969. Industrial and commercial permits were up,

but this was offset by the decline in institutional and government permits.

Consumer spending patterns continue to reflect reactions to inflation, higher interest rates and credit restraint with retail sales in the first quarter 2.7% below 1969. Major declines were reported by motor vehicle dealers, furniture and appliance outlets, clothing, drug and department stores.

Incomes have continued to improve this year. Average weekly wages and salaries in the first four months were 6.7% above 1969, a rate of growth equivalent to that achieved over the last four years.

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(I) POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

Table 1 - POPULATION

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	618,000	623,000	626,000	623,000
April	619,000	624,000	626,000	623,000
June	620,000	624,000	625,000	
July	621,000	625,000	626,000	
October	623,000	626,000	626,000	
% Change (Apr./Apr.)	(+ 0.5)	(+ 0.8)	(+ 0.3)	(- 0.5)

Source: D.B.S. 11-003.

Table 2 - MARRIAGES

(number)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	184	126	343	366
February	213	222	225	251
March	240	202	179	161
April	315	320	283	319
May	421	399	291	
June	544	691	455	
July	863	735	746	
August	724	877	841	
September	712	540	943	
October	500	499	631	
November	386	451	431	
December	350	327	331	
Total	5,452	5,389	5,699	
% Change (Jan.-Apr.)	+ 5.6	- 1.2	+ 5.8	(+ 6.5)

Sources: D.B.S. 11-003 & 84-202.

Table 3 - BIRTHS

(number)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	1,011	968	1,039	1,051
February	932	874	894	1,014
March	1,084	985	906	835
April	1,102	1,039	884	914
May	1,085	1,054	1,025	
June	1,072	944	1,011	
July	1,088	962	877	
August	1,019	935	1,200	
September	1,060	1,014	1,104	
October	1,003	980	1,153	
November	947	883	902	
December	950	969	868	
Total	12,353	11,607	11,863	
% Change	- 2.9	- 6.0	+ 2.2	
(Jan.-Apr.)				(+ 2.4)

Sources: D.B.S. 11-003 & 84-202.

Table 4 - DEATHS

(number)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	446	481	430	454
February	378	421	451	577
March	412	406	412	399
April	367	393	386	339
May	389	416	355	
June	416	383	408	
July	444	448	341	
August	423	411	459	
September	413	356	492	
October	404	389	462	
November	386	404	376	
December	416	397	400	
Total	4,894	4,905	4,972	
% Change	+ 2.6	+ 0.3	+ 1.4	
(Jan.-Apr.)				(+ 5.4)

Sources: D.B.S. 11-003 & 84-202.

(II) LABOUR

Table 5 - TOTAL WAGES AND SALARIES

(million dollars)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	45.5	49.9	53.8	59.5
February	45.5	49.3	53.3	59.9
March	45.9	49.7	54.2	59.8
April	46.9	49.2	54.6	60.2
May	48.6	50.8	56.5	62.8
June	51.7	54.9	58.7	66.0
July	51.7	55.6	59.4	68.8
August	50.9	56.1	60.5	70.0
September	51.0	57.0	60.9	69.1
October	51.3	56.6	60.1	68.8
November	51.0	55.1	60.2	68.8
December	49.8	53.7	59.2	67.0
Total	589.8	637.9	691.4	780.7
% Change	+ 13.0	+ 8.2	+ 8.4	+ 12.9

Source: D.B.S. 72-005.

Table 6 - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES*

(dollars)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	84.93	90.96	96.51	103.52
February	85.71	91.04	97.71	104.21
March	86.48	91.36	97.62	102.65
April	86.28	89.40	95.99	103.54
May	83.09	87.19	93.86	
June	84.43	87.65	94.97	
July	83.93	87.50	96.09	
August	84.23	88.21	96.80	
September	86.06	89.43	97.25	
October	86.59	89.56	98.20	
November	85.85	91.46	99.71	
December	85.68	91.50	98.00	
Average	85.25	89.55	96.89	
% Change	+ 7.6	+ 5.0	+ 8.2	
(Jan.-Apr.)				(+ 6.7)

* Covers only firms with 20 or more employees.

Source: D.B.S. 72-002.

Table 7 - EMPLOYMENT INDEX*

(1961 = 100)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	111.1	109.7	111.5	111.5
February	108.4	107.4	110.8	108.9
March	107.4	108.6	110.7	109.7
April	104.0	107.4	110.2	111.4
May	112.2	116.7	118.4	
June	121.7	122.7	124.9	
July	126.2	124.8	127.0	
August	128.4	126.0	130.1	
September	124.2	122.8	125.0	
October	121.3	120.4	123.5	
November	118.4	117.8	120.5	
December	114.3	113.7	115.4	
Average	116.5	116.5	119.0	
% Change	+ 1.1	0.0	+ 2.1	
(Jan.-Apr.)				(- 0.4)

* Covers only firms with 20 or more employees.

Source: D.B.S. 72-002.

Table 8 - UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS PAYMENTS

(thousand dollars)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	2,114	2,775	3,256	3,469
February	2,420	3,225	3,190	3,444
March	3,120	3,022	3,310	3,571
April	3,167	2,914	3,355	
May	2,243	2,248	2,724	
June	681	724	885	
July	593	481	773	
August	480	847	858	
September	422	678	695	
October	510	612	664	
November	616	773	961	
December	1,021	1,483	1,436	
Total	17,387	19,782	22,107	
% Change	+ 7.3	+ 13.8	+ 11.8	
(Jan.-Mar.)				(+ 7.5)

Source: D.B.S. 73-001.

Table 9 - LABOUR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

(thousands)

Month	Labour Force			Employment			Unemployment			Unemployment Rate		
	1968	1969	1970	1968	1969	1970	1968	1969	1970	1968	1969	1970
January	200	204	203	178	180	179	22	24	24	11.0	11.8	11.8
February	196	202	206	176	178	180	20	24	26	10.2	11.9	12.6
March	197	202	204	174	177	180	23	25	24	11.7	12.4	11.8
April	201	214	209	179	185	184	22	29	25	10.9	13.6	12.0
May	208	218	214	196	199	201	12	19	13	5.8	8.7	6.1
June	214	217		204	203		10	14		4.7	6.5	
July	221	226		211	212		10	14		4.5	6.2	
August	220	222		210	209		10	13		4.5	5.9	
September	217	210		208	199		9	11		4.1	5.2	
October	207	212		195	200		12	12		5.8	5.7	
November	207	206		194	193		13	13		6.3	6.3	
December	206	207		189	191		17	16		8.3	7.7	
Average	208	212		193	194		15	18		7.2	8.5	
% Change	+2.0	+1.9		+1.6	+0.5		+7.1	+20.0		+4.3	+18.1	
(Jan.-May)			(-0.4)			(+0.5)			(-7.4)			(-7.0)

Source : D.B.S. 71-001.

Table 10 - ESTIMATES OF EMPLOYEES BY INDUSTRY

(thousands)

	Forestry		Mines, Quarries and Oil Wells		Manufacturing		Construction		Transport., Communic. and Other Utilities	
	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969
January	4.4	3.4	2.4	2.3	25.4	26.5	7.3	8.2	23.3	22.9
February	3.5	2.9	2.4	2.3	25.8	26.6	6.7	7.7	23.1	23.0
March	3.2	3.0	2.4	2.3	26.5	26.6	7.0	7.6	22.9	23.0
April	3.4	2.6	2.5	2.3	27.0	27.9	8.1	8.1	21.4	21.3
May	7.0	5.2	2.6	2.4	30.1	31.4	9.3	10.2	20.7	20.7
June	9.6	8.7	2.7	2.5	31.1	31.1	9.5	10.8	20.8	21.1
July	10.1	8.0	2.7	2.5	31.9	35.0	9.8	10.9	20.7	20.9
August	9.5	8.7	2.6	2.6	32.0	33.3	9.9	13.1	21.0	21.4
September	9.2	8.0	2.6	2.6	29.8	30.8	10.1	13.9	20.4	21.6
October	7.5	7.6	2.4	2.4	29.4	28.8	10.2	13.6	20.1	21.2
November	6.1	7.0	2.4	2.3	28.9	28.0	9.4	11.4	19.9	20.7
December	5.0		2.2		26.9		8.0		21.2	

	Trade		Finance, Insur. & Real Estate		Community, Business & Personal Services		Public Admin. & Defence		Grand Total	
	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969
January	22.9	25.5	4.3	4.4	39.7	40.4	10.5	11.2	140.4	143.5
February	22.8	24.4	4.4	4.5	39.8	41.4	10.5	11.1	139.1	143.9
March	22.8	24.7	4.4	4.5	41.5	41.8	10.8	10.9	141.5	144.3
April	22.9	24.9	4.4	4.5	40.8	41.9	10.8	11.4	141.2	145.1
May	24.0	25.7	4.4	4.6	40.5	43.0	11.0	12.0	149.6	155.1
June	24.9	25.4	4.4	4.6	41.0	42.6	9.4	12.3	153.3	159.2
July	24.7	25.3	4.5	4.6	42.4	41.9	12.9	13.0	159.9	162.0
August	25.4	26.6	4.5	4.7	40.6	41.3	12.9	12.8	158.5	164.4
September	25.1	26.3	4.5	4.8	40.5	42.5	11.5	13.9	153.6	164.2
October	26.0	27.6	4.4	4.7	41.5	43.6	10.9	12.1	152.4	161.7
November	27.1	28.3	4.5	4.7	41.8	44.8	10.8	12.3	150.8	159.5
December	27.0		4.4		41.3		10.9		146.8	

Sources: D.B.S. 72-008 & 72-508.

(III) PRIMARY INDUSTRY

Table 11 - FARM CASH RECEIPTS FROM FARMING OPERATIONS
(thousand dollars)

Quarter	1966	1967	1968	1969
1st Quarter	13,723	11,117	10,794	11,196
2nd Quarter	14,258	10,610	12,244	13,027
3rd Quarter	11,659	12,909	12,519	12,896
4th Quarter	12,986	13,503	13,651	14,639
Total	52,626	48,139	49,208	51,758
% Change	- 12.2	- 8.5	+ 2.2	+ 5.2

Source: D.B.S. 21-001.

Table 12 - SOURCES OF FARM CASH RECEIPTS
(thousand dollars)

	1968	1969
Oats	247	242
Potatoes	12,307	12,833
Fruits	1,609	2,090
Vegetables	1,278	1,079
Other crops	1,922	951
TOTAL CROPS	16,363	17,195
Cattle and calves	7,413	8,096
Hogs	3,524	4,080
Sheep and lambs	216	206
Dairy products	10,894	10,809
Poultry	3,356	3,837
Eggs	4,085	4,297
Other livestock and products	521	510
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS	30,009	31,835
FOREST AND MAPLE PRODUCTS	1,125	1,025

Source: D.B.S. 21-001.

Table 13 - PULPWOOD PRODUCTION-DOMESTIC USE

(thousand cunits)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	90.5	84.9	92.3	100.6
February	63.9	69.2	65.8	96.5
March	67.1	77.8	80.5	134.3
April	34.5	40.2	57.8	
May	51.7	111.0	73.4	
June	146.5	210.4	149.5	
July	217.8	221.1	140.8	
August	200.9	232.9	180.4	
September	167.2	167.3	124.2	
October	107.4	140.4	184.6	
November	149.9	104.4	126.3	
December	155.5	94.8	151.6	
Total	1,452.9	1,554.4	1,427.2	
% Change	+ 25.5	+ 7.0	- 8.2	
(Jan.-Mar.)				(+ 38.9)

Source: D.B.S. 25-001.

Table 14 - COAL PRODUCTION

(thousand tons)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	78.7	70.9	74.5	65.3
February	57.2	63.5	52.3	35.4
March	76.3	61.2	50.6	33.2
April	72.1	58.4	55.4	
May	64.4	63.2	45.9	
June	71.4	58.5	47.7	
July	67.8	69.8	59.6	
August	83.6	70.3	69.8	
September	70.7	60.6	80.1	
October	69.2	78.8	63.7	
November	65.0	68.3	54.1	
December	61.5	73.8	48.3	
Total	837.9	797.3	702.0	
Strip	716.5	715.8	650.1	
Shaft	121.2	81.3	52.0	
% Change	- 6.7	- 4.8	- 12.0	
(Jan.-Mar.)				(- 24.5)

Source: D.B.S. 45-002.

Table 15 - VOLUME OF SEAFISH LANDINGS

(thousand pounds)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	4,640	2,939	14,702	1,707
February	12,775	11,673	4,619	4,142
March	579	18,663	2,360	1,545
April	7,334	16,356	7,396	7,859
May	20,307	43,970	34,332	31,123
June	32,309	34,762	54,342	
July	79,312	64,899	83,040	
August	56,368	73,770	147,448	
September	52,226	98,620	80,796	
October	29,769	49,573	41,230	
November	28,435	27,454	35,893	
December	30,838	97,702	9,067	
Total	354,892	540,381	515,859	
% Change (Jan.-May)	+ 2.5	+ 52.3	- 4.5	(- 26.9)

Sources: D.B.S. 24-002 & New Brunswick Department of Fisheries.

Table 16 - VALUE OF SEAFISH LANDINGS

(thousand dollars)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	149	98	527	110
February	279	257	222	156
March	25	346	160	121
April	177	353	256	273
May	843	1,619	1,439	1,931
June	1,558	1,771	2,339	
July	2,323	1,615	1,726	
August	1,438	1,943	3,336	
September	1,483	2,830	2,510	
October	1,106	1,542	1,204	
November	779	932	1,264	
December	616	2,171	745	
Total	10,776	15,477	15,755	
% Change (Jan.-May)	- 2.0	+ 43.6	+ 1.8	(- 0.5)

Sources: D.B.S. 24-002 & New Brunswick Department of Fisheries.

Table 17 - VOLUME OF SEAFISH LANDINGS BY SPECIES
(thousand pounds)

Species	1969	1970 (Jan.-May)
Groundfish, total	6,691	10,093
Cod	2,247	4,046
Redfish	112	608
Other	4,332	5,439
Pelagic & Estuarial, total	49,687	31,194
Herring	46,578	27,411
Other	3,109	3,783
Molluscs & Crustaceans, total	6,478	4,927
Lobster	868	658
Queen Crab	-	2,277
Other	5,610	1,992
Viscera, total	551	160
Total seafish landings	63,407	46,374

Source: New Brunswick Department of Fisheries.

Table 18 - VALUE OF SEAFISH LANDINGS BY SPECIES
(thousand dollars)

Species	1969	1970 (Jan.-May)
Groundfish, total	298	477
Cod	93	173
Redfish	3	20
Other	202	284
Pelagic & Estuarial, total	832	864
Herring	550	392
Other	282	472
Molluscs & Crustaceans, total	1,435	1,239
Lobster	575	533
Queen Crab	-	228
Other	860	478
Viscera, total	41	11
Total seafish landings	2,606	2,591

NOTE: Discrepancies which appear in tables 15 to 18 in the total volume and value of seafish landings are due to incomplete revisions.

Source: New Brunswick Department of Fisheries.

(IV) MANUFACTURING

Table 19 - GROSS VALUE OF MANUFACTURING SHIPMENTS
(million dollars)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	41.1	42.6	44.4	43.5
February	39.3	42.7	42.3	43.1
March	44.0	44.6	46.3	46.9
April	41.2	46.0	45.2	45.9
May	47.1	54.3	49.6	
June	51.1	51.2	50.9	
July	47.5	49.8	51.3	
August	48.7	49.1	52.2	
September	47.8	45.9	54.2	
October	47.5	50.4	51.4	
November	48.9	47.5	49.1	
December	42.9	45.2	51.6	
Total	547.1	569.4	588.5	
% Change	+ 2.4	+ 4.1	+ 3.3	
(Jan.-Apr.)				(+ 0.5)

Source: D.B.S. 31-001.

Table 20 - PULP AND PAPER PRODUCTION INDEX
(1953 Quarterly Average = 100)

Quarter	1967	1968	1969	1970
Jan. - Mar.	187.4	183.7	216.0	193.1
Apr. - June	171.5	193.6	210.0	
July - Sept.	177.3	183.5	203.7	
Oct. - Dec.	188.4	203.5	213.8	
Average	181.2	191.1	210.9	
% Change	- 1.6	+ 5.5	+ 10.4	
(Jan.-Mar.)				(- 10.6)

Source: Based on data from the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association.

Table 21 - SAWN LUMBER PRODUCTION

(million feet, board measure)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	15.4	21.8	26.7	22.4
February	21.3	22.6	23.9	22.7
March	23.5	26.3	27.3	22.7
April	20.2	21.1	28.7	
May	12.8	22.9	24.0	
June	22.0	23.1	29.5	
July	23.7	24.0	29.0	
August	24.2	29.4	30.9	
September	19.5	27.6	30.4	
October	20.9	28.7	30.1	
November	21.1	25.6	24.6	
December	20.4	25.5	24.1	
Total	245.0	298.6	329.8	
% Change	- 1.1	+ 21.9	+ 10.4	
(Jan.-Mar.)				(- 13.0)

Source: D.B.S. 35-002.

(V) UTILITIES

Table 22 - NET ELECTRIC ENERGY USED

(million kilowatt hours)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	290	310	335	356
February	268	294	306	331
March	300	306	318	325
April	271	291	313	342
May	267	299	321	
June	245	280	281	
July	254	277	296	
August	266	283	302	
September	264	284	298	
October	291	310	328	
November	287	317	347	
December	306	334	361	
Total	3,311	3,585	3,806	
% Change	+ 9.2	+ 8.3	+ 6.2	
(Jan.-Apr.)				(+ 6.4)

Source: D.B.S. 57-001.

Table 23 - NET ELECTRICITY PROVIDED BY NBEPC FOR CONSUMPTION

(million kilowatt hours)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	246	267	278	306
February	226	246	256	271
March	241	253	266	
April	227	243	246	
May	225	242	263	
June	202	238	247	
July	213	223	249	
August	229	249	249	
September	215	237	259	
October	245	261	263	
November	239	268	273	
December	246	279	293	
Total	2,754	3,006	3,142	
% Change	+ 11.6	+ 9.2	+ 4.5	
(Jan.-Feb.)				(+ 8.1)

Source: The New Brunswick Electric Power Commission.

Table 24 - LONG DISTANCE CALLS ORIGINATING IN NEW BRUNSWICK

(thousands)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	620	706	740	781
February	580	653	681	746
March	653	682	756	817
April	617	679	764	821
May	704	749	818	
June	717	731	832	
July	753	859	909	
August	779	866	896	
September	718	762	852	
October	721	795	872	
November	697	766	807	
December	717	764	866	
Total	8,276	9,012	9,793	
% Change	+ 11.4	+ 8.9	+ 8.7	
(Jan.-Apr.)				(+ 7.6)

Source: The New Brunswick Telephone Company Limited.

Table 25 - TELEPHONES IN SERVICE

(thousands)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	185	196	207	215
February	187	197	208	215
March	187	198	208	216
April	188	199	209	216
May	188	201	211	218
June	190	202	212	
July	191	203	212	
August	192	203	213	
September	194	205	214	
October	195	206	215	
November	195	206	215	
December	195	207	215	
Average	191	202	212	
% Change	+ 6.7	+ 5.8	+ 5.0	
(May/May)				(+ 3.3)

Source: The New Brunswick Telephone Company Limited.

(VI) CONSTRUCTION

Table 26 - HOUSING STARTS AND HOUSES UNDER CONSTRUCTION (ALL AREAS)

(number)

Quarter	1967	1968	1969	1970
(A) Starts				
1st Quarter	174	172	256	228
2nd Quarter	875	932	1,483	
3rd Quarter	952	1,152	1,092	
4th Quarter	545	1,071	833	
Total	2,546	3,327	3,664	
% Change (1Q.)	+ 0.6	+ 30.7	+ 10.1	(- 10.9)
(B) Under Construction				
March 31	997	1,035	1,380	1,684
June 30	1,375	1,445	2,191	
September 30	1,806	1,873	2,288	
December 31	1,506	1,921	1,977	
% Change (Mar./Mar.)	(- 24.0)	(+ 3.8)	(+ 33.3)	(+ 22.0)

Source: D.B.S. 64-002.

Table 27 - BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED*

(thousand dollars)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	1,004	2,098	3,535	2,765
February	436	853	10,912	2,903
March	1,483	5,759	4,633	5,230
April	5,173	4,048	10,370	3,386
May	6,630	6,897	5,196	
June	10,620	9,709	5,051	
July	5,941	5,593	5,850	
August	4,817	6,793	9,167	
September	4,996	8,352	8,624	
October	4,220	9,102	6,515	
November	7,622	4,518	11,062	
December	6,710	11,147	3,350	
Total	59,652	74,869	84,265	
% Change (Jan.-Apr.)	+ 29.9	+ 25.5	+ 12.5	(- 51.5)

* Does not cover engineering projects (roads, bridges, dams, etc.) nor non-urban construction.

Source: D.B.S. 64-001.

(VII) TRADE AND FINANCE

Table 28 - VALUE OF RETAIL TRADE

(thousand dollars)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	41,264	45,072	50,848	52,168
February	36,551	42,462	43,455	42,728
March	45,779	47,764	57,172	52,467
April	48,397	50,932	50,636	
May	53,347	60,244	59,572	
June	54,396	56,422	55,830	
July	52,585	57,178	57,354	
August	47,056	52,859	51,394	
September	51,372	52,100	54,347	
October	51,798	58,339	59,178	
November	56,485	63,272	60,352	
December	64,197	65,969	67,568	
Total	603,227	652,613	667,706	
% Change (Jan.-Mar.)	+ 4.0	+ 8.2	+ 2.3	(- 2.7)

Source: D.B.S. 63-005.

Table 29 - CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (SAINT JOHN)

(1961 = 100)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	109.8	113.4	116.6	122.4
February	110.1	113.6	116.3	123.2
March	110.2	113.9	117.1	123.1
April	110.6	114.3	119.3	123.5
May	110.5	114.7	119.5	123.6
June	110.9	115.2	120.3	
July	111.1	115.9	121.0	
August	112.1	116.3	121.6	
September	111.9	116.2	121.5	
October	111.9	115.7	121.1	
November	111.9	116.2	121.5	
December	112.6	116.4	122.0	
Average Index	111.1	115.1	119.8	
% Change (Jan.-May)	+ 3.1	+ 3.6	+ 4.1	(+ 4.6)

Source: D.B.S. 62-002.

Table 30 - VALUE OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES

(thousand dollars)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
All Vehicles				
January	4,484	4,575	5,267	4,177
February	3,469	5,072	7,087	4,560
March	5,961	7,530	10,211	7,816
April	6,582	7,112	8,830	7,259
May	8,437	9,895	7,404	
June	7,827	9,066	7,403	
July	5,265	7,576	6,347	
August	5,719	5,920	5,312	
September	4,328	4,729	6,514	
October	5,775	8,174	7,279	
November	5,511	5,971	5,976	
December	4,882	5,477	4,442	
Total	68,240	81,097	82,072	
% Change		+ 18.8	+ 1.2	
(Jan.-Apr.)				(- 24.2)

Source: D.B.S. 63-007.

Table 31 - NUMBER OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
All Vehicles				
January	1,284	1,287	1,512	1,178
February	1,044	1,445	2,005	1,250
March	1,790	2,147	2,879	2,032
April	1,975	2,064	2,472	1,970
May	2,507	2,805	2,179	
June	2,293	2,596	2,048	
July	1,569	2,160	1,745	
August	1,612	1,708	1,500	
September	1,255	1,294	1,821	
October	1,607	2,233	1,963	
November	1,588	1,635	1,598	
December	1,321	1,473	1,152	
Total	19,845	22,847	22,874	
% Change	- 14.4	+ 15.1	+ 0.1	
(Jan.-Apr.)				(- 27.5)

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Table 31 - (Continued)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
Passenger Vehicles				
January	1,047	1,010	1,237	925
February	809	1,176	1,640	964
March	1,514	1,793	2,434	1,655
April	1,680	1,766	2,000	1,623
May	2,122	2,336	1,812	
June	1,904	2,142	1,646	
July	1,249	1,757	1,326	
August	1,251	1,376	1,148	
September	981	1,022	1,452	
October	1,282	1,780	1,557	
November	1,299	1,329	1,270	
December	1,043	1,205	900	
Total	16,181	18,692	18,422	
% Change	- 16.8	+ 15.5	- 1.5	
(Jan.-Apr.)				(- 29.3)
Commercial Vehicles				
January	237	277	275	253
February	235	269	365	286
March	276	354	445	377
April	295	298	472	347
May	385	469	367	
June	389	454	402	
July	320	403	419	
August	361	332	352	
September	274	272	369	
October	325	453	406	
November	289	306	328	
December	278	268	252	
Total	3,664	4,155	4,452	
% Change	- 2.0	+ 13.4	+ 7.1	
(Jan.-Apr.)				(- 18.9)

Source: D.B.S. 63-007.

Table 32 - LIFE INSURANCE SALES

(million dollars)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	11.0	10.5	14.0	11.4
February	12.7	15.2	15.3	
March	12.4	15.5	15.0	
April	13.1	14.2	14.8	
May	13.5	14.4	13.4	
June	15.1	16.0	17.0	
July	11.4	13.6	15.0	
August	12.1	12.8	14.0	
September	12.2	12.6	12.8	
October	15.0	16.4	16.6	
November	17.2	16.2	16.8	
December	14.6	14.3	17.4	
Total	160.3	171.7	182.1	
% Change	+ 6.4	+ 7.1	+ 6.1	
(Jan./Jan.)				(- 18.6)

Source: D.B.S. 11-003.

Table 33 - CHEQUES CASHED IN CLEARING HOUSES

(million dollars)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	410.3	412.2	460.4	445.9
February	364.2	374.3	416.6	403.4
March	400.7	411.0	423.6	455.8
April	446.2	404.4	461.2	
May	424.0	452.4	468.2	
June	407.4	404.5	465.3	
July	400.0	414.5	524.6	
August	451.1	401.0	429.9	
September	387.2	406.9	465.0	
October	419.9	450.8	514.6	
November	444.8	448.9	440.7	
December	381.8	452.4	580.3	
Total	4,937.6	5,033.3	5,650.4	
% Change	+ 12.7	+ 1.9	+ 12.3	
(Jan.-Mar.)				(+ 0.3)

Source: D.B.S. 61-001.

(VIII) TRANSPORTATION

Table 34 - RAILWAY FREIGHT LOADED AT POINTS IN NEW BRUNSWICK
(thousand tons)

Quarter	1966	1967	1968	1969
1st Quarter	1,144.2	1,324.8	1,245.0	1,393.4
2nd Quarter	1,239.5	1,213.5	1,331.7	1,414.5
3rd Quarter	1,147.6	1,072.0	1,129.5	1,226.5
4th Quarter	1,234.8	1,154.5	1,167.0	1,289.4
Total	4,766.1	4,764.8	4,873.2	5,323.5
% Change	+ 4.5	0.0	+ 2.3	+ 9.2

Source: D.B.S. 52-002.

Table 35 - RAILWAY FREIGHT UNLOADED AT POINTS IN NEW BRUNSWICK
(thousand tons)

Quarter	1966	1967	1968	1969
1st Quarter	1,763.0	1,807.2	1,580.8	1,777.0
2nd Quarter	1,331.1	1,292.3	1,323.9	1,314.5
3rd Quarter	1,137.2	1,051.3	1,097.5	1,142.3
4th Quarter	1,271.3	1,180.7	1,169.1	1,190.9
Total	5,502.6	5,331.5	5,171.3	5,424.7
% Change	+ 1.0	- 3.1	- 3.0	+ 4.9

Source: D.B.S. 52-002.

Table 36 - TOTAL PORT TRAFFIC - SAINT JOHN HARBOUR

(thousand cargo tons)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	813.6	681.3	738.4	656.8
February	550.3	561.7	689.2	572.9
March	828.2	738.3	762.7	825.0
April	444.1	513.4	543.6	564.6
May	386.8	376.4	411.2	536.2
June	394.3	438.0	448.5	
July	367.9	384.9	461.2	
August	400.7	431.2	351.0	
September	316.0	246.7	392.1	
October	441.1	326.2	401.6	
November	458.8	476.8	617.2	
December	503.6	554.0	465.9	
Total	5,905.4	5,728.9	6,282.6	
% Change	- 8.7	- 3.0	+ 9.7	
(Jan.-May)				(+ 0.3)

Source: National Harbours Board, Port of Saint John.

Table 37 - PORT TRAFFIC - SAINT JOHN HARBOUR

(thousand cargo tons)

	Incoming Traffic			Outgoing Traffic		
Month	1969	1970	% Change	1969	1970	% Change
January	399.7	341.5	- 14.6	338.7	315.3	- 6.9
February	383.3	241.3	- 37.0	306.0	331.6	+ 8.4
March	306.8	407.5	+ 32.8	455.9	417.5	- 8.4
April	302.7	241.5	- 20.2	240.9	323.1	+ 34.1
May	297.6	337.7	+ 13.5	113.6	198.5	+ 74.7
June	265.6			183.0		
July	320.0			141.2		
August	218.9			132.1		
September	255.1			137.1		
October	252.6			149.0		
November	405.5			211.7		
December	243.3			222.7		
Total	3,651.1			2,631.9		
% Change	+ 4.2			+ 18.2		
(Jan.-May)			(- 7.1)			(+ 9.0)

Source: National Harbours Board, Port of Saint John.

(IX) SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Table 38 - EMPLOYMENT INDEX

(1961 = 100)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	116.4	115.0	117.0	117.0
February	115.6	114.7	118.4	116.4
March	115.3	116.6	118.9	117.8
April	115.8	119.5	122.5	123.8
May	114.7	119.3	121.1	
June	115.8	116.8	118.8	
July	117.3	115.8	117.7	
August	118.0	115.8	119.6	
September	117.6	116.3	118.5	
October	117.6	116.8	119.8	
November	116.5	116.0	118.7	
December	116.4	115.8	117.6	

Source: D.B.S. 72-002.

Table 39 - TOTAL WAGES AND SALARIES

(million dollars)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	46.6	51.3	55.0	61.3
February	46.6	51.2	55.5	62.5
March	47.5	51.9	56.4	62.3
April	50.0	51.9	57.5	63.9
May	49.2	51.4	57.9	63.9
June	50.4	53.0	56.7	64.0
July	50.5	53.7	56.3	66.1
August	49.2	54.1	57.6	66.5
September	48.8	55.0	59.0	66.5
October	49.9	55.4	58.9	67.3
November	50.4	54.3	60.1	68.1
December	50.7	54.7	60.6	68.4

Source: D.B.S. 72-005.

Table 40 - VALUE OF RETAIL TRADE

(million dollars)

Month	1967	1968	1969	1970
January	49.7	54.4	58.3	58.1
February	47.3	52.3	56.3	55.6
March	45.9	48.5	59.0	55.7
April	48.8	51.4	51.0	
May	50.1	55.7	54.4	
June	51.2	54.7	54.7	
July	50.7	55.1	55.4	
August	50.5	55.3	54.8	
September	52.3	55.8	57.3	
October	51.1	56.4	55.6	
November	53.9	58.3	56.5	
December	51.6	54.6	55.6	

Source: D.B.S. 11-003.